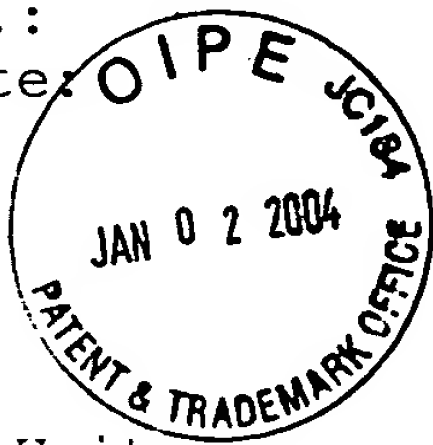


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Zachary Gillman et al.
Serial No.: 09/909,682
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Title:



PROCESS FOR PREPARING COMPACTED PIGMENT GRANULES, PROCESS FOR PREPARING ENCAPSULATED PIGMENT GRANULES, AND PROCESS FOR DYEING LANDSCAPING AND/OR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Group Art Unit: 1762
Examiner: Elena Tsoy
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed July 29, 2003 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from October 29, 2003 to December 29, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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